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In re Application of)
Targan et al.)

Serial No: 09/575,061)

Filed: May 19, 2000)

For: DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION)
AND TREATMENT OF CROHN'S)
DISEASE USING THE OmpC)
ANTIGEN)

Group Art Unit: 1641

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, entry of the enclosed amendment and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of diagnosing Crohn's disease in a subject, comprising determining the presence or absence of IgA anti-outer membrane protein C (anti-OmpC) antibodies in said subject, where the presence of said IgA anti-OmpC antibodies indicates that said subject has Crohn's disease.